

Passover - 3 Systems Compared

Down through the ages there has generally been 3 systems used to observe Passover.

System 1 teaches Passover is a seven day festival, which is also called Feast of Unleavened Bread, Ez. 45:21; Ex. 23:14-18. The Passover lamb was kept up until the 14th of Abib; sacrificed between the evenings (immediately after sundown beginning the 14th - Dt. 16:6); then the death angel came over at midnight Abib 14, Ex. 12:12; and Passover Day was recognized as the first High Day, Ex. 12:14. Passover Day was when eating Unleavened Bread started, Ex. 12:8,15; Passover Day no work was done as commanded by Yahweh, Ex. 12:16,18; then after the Holy Day Israel left on the 15th, Num. 33:3.

System 2 observes Passover at the beginning of the 14th of Abib and extends eating of Unleavened Bread through the 21st making that systems festival an 8 day festival. They sacrifice the Passover at the beginning of Abib 14th and teach the death angel came over Egypt at midnight while ancient Israel could not go out of their dwellings until morning, Ex. 12:22; correctly so. Then in the morning Israel spoiled the Egyptians during the daylight portion of the 14th and then left by night at the beginning of the 15th, moving millions of people, animals, and belongings. System 2 observes the 15th as the first Holy Day and the 21st as the last. Passover, which the Feast is all about, is simply called a preparation day today.

System 3 observes Passover at the end of the 14th with the 15th and 21st being the Holy Days. This system teaches a 7 day festival of eating Unleavened Bread. This system teaches ancient Israel spoiled the Egyptians before the Passover thus having Israel leave on the 15th. This system teaches the death angel came over Egypt the 15th then the next morning Israel left Egypt. In the New Testament this system teaches Yahushua did not eat the Passover, but ate a meal similar the night before the Passover strongly relying on the account of John 13 for proof. (Ask for our article, "The Two Suppers in Comparison.") Let's let the evidence of Scripture guide us to Yahweh's truth.

WHAT IS PASSOVER AND IT'S ORIGIN?

Passover is #6453 in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*

and means "a *pretermission*, i.e. *exemption*; used only tech. of Jewish *Passover* (the festival or the victim):" It is from #6452 "to *hop*, i.e. (fig.) *skip* over (or spare);" as demonstrated in Exodus 12:13 which says, "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."

In Exodus 11:1 Yahweh tells Moses there would be one more plague that would come upon Egypt. Notice in Exodus 7:14,22; 8:15,19,32; 9:7,12,35; and 10:20,27, after each plague Pharaoh's heart was hardened and he would not let Israel go. These verses demonstrate that up until Passover Israel was not allowed to go at will among Egypt, and Scripture shows the vast majority were miles away in the land of Goshen. This one more plague which Yahweh tells Moses to tell before the Pharaoh in Exodus 11 is the one (as they say), "the straw that broke the camel's back." Notice Exodus 11:10 is the same as Exodus 7:1-6, after each warning and before each plague the Pharaoh's heart was hardened. Scripture bears out that up until the day of the Passover, Israel was held in bondage.

YAHWEH'S 1ST HOLY DAY

It was on this day that Yahweh named Passover as the first annual Holy Day of the year. Exodus 12:14 states, "And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and you shall keep it a FEAST to Yahweh throughout your generations; you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever." The word 'feast' is *Strong's* #2282 taken from #2287 (*chag*) which means a festival or a victim. In the case of Passover it portrays both, Yahushua our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast (as Paul stated in 1 Cor. 5:7-8).

Likewise, the Feast of Tabernacles is called a feast of seven days (Lev. 23:34 Zech. 14:16) which is from 'chag' #2282. Both feasts are called festival days by Yahweh, but only System 1 chooses to teach this truth.

Passover is described as a Holy Day in various ways throughout Scripture. Notice in Exodus 12:14 Yahweh calls Passover a memorial #2146 in *Strong's Exhaustive Con-*

cordance, “from #2142; a *memento* (or memorable thing, day or writing):”

In Leviticus 23:24 Yahweh calls the Feast of Trumpets a memorial #2146; which is the same word used to describe Passover. All three Systems teach that Trumpets is a Holy Day and memorial, but Systems 2 and 3 choose not to do this for Passover. Only System 1 teaches this truth.

Another example is in Leviticus 23:2-4. Yahweh tells us these are the feasts of Yahweh, then He lists Passover on down to the Last Great Day after the Feast of Tabernacles; then again it states in Leviticus 23:44, “And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of Yahweh.”

In Leviticus 23:2,4,&44 the word, ‘feasts,’ is *Strong’s* #4150 ‘mowed’ and means an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season; spec. a festival;

Here we have a dilemma, the Passover is not only called a chag or memorial, but also a mowed. Out of all the festivals only Passover is called all three. Furthermore, Exodus 12:16 commands that the first day, Passover, is a HOLY CONVOCATION. Systems 2 and 3 fail to teach these truths.

In Conclusion, Passover (Yahushua) is the theme of the Bible to bring man to Yahweh. This day is the most important of all the Holy Days and the most emphasis is put on this festival and victim. It is NOT a mere preparation day as presented by man. Only System 1 teaches this truth.

WHEN DID THE PASSOVER BEGIN?

In Exodus 12:3-6 Scripture tells us Israel was to select a lamb without blemish on the 10th day of the first month and keep it until the 14th day and verse 6 states, “And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.” The words “in the evening” is *byn ha arabim* in Hebrew and is only found in Ex. 12:6; 16:12; 29:39,41; 30:8; Lev. 23:5; Num. 9:3,5,11; and 28:4,8. It is derived from *Strong’s* #996 - between #3588 - the evening #6153 i.e. between the evenings.

Since there are only a few times that the words are used in Scripture, it is rather easy to let Scripture interpret Scripture and not depend on the Jews and modern man to confuse the issue.

In Ex. 12:6, Lev. 23:5 and Num. 9:3,5,11 *byn ha arabim* is attributed to Passover. Ex. 29:39,41 and Num. 28:4,8

tell us a lamb is offered in the morning and the other at evening, the daily sacrifice. It only seems logical the morning offering would be at ‘boker’ (approx. 6 a.m.) and the evening sacrifice at ‘ereb’ (approx. 6 p.m.); not an evening sacrifice from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. or 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. as system 3 would have us believe. Let’s keep in mind evening in the summer would be later than 6 p.m. Ezra 9:4-5 shows the time of the evening sacrifice was at #6153 dusk; not 3 p.m.

Now let’s look at the other few Scriptures that pinpoint the time of *byn ha arabim*. Exodus 16:12 reads, “I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and you shall know that I am Yahweh your Elohim.”

It’s interesting to note that in verse 8 Yahweh gave Israel flesh to eat at ereb #6153 (dusk) then Israel ate the flesh at *byn ha arabim* (the period of time from sundown to dark) then verse 13 tells of the event that came to pass; which states at even (ereb) came the quail. This event balances Israel’s diet; at ‘boker’ (approx. 6 a.m.) manna and at ‘ereb’ (approx. 6 p.m.) quail. Remember when the temperature warmed up the manna was no longer any good, except on the Sabbath (Ex. 26:21-23).

In Exodus 30:7-8 we are told Aaron attended the lamps in the morning to burn incense every morning and lighteth the lamps at ‘*byn ha arabim*’ (between sundown and dark). It simply would make no sense at all to light the lamps at noon or 3 p.m. or between 3p.m. and 6 p.m. Scripture itself demonstrates *byn ha arabim* is the time from sundown to dark. One Scripture that shows this to be fact is Dt. 16:6, which shows to sacrifice the Passover at even AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN. Thus Scripture demonstrates through its own interpretation that Passover began at the slaughtering of the Passover lamb as the 14th began. Systems 1 & 2 let the Scriptures lead the evidence while System 3 uses man’s ideas on what *byn ha arabim* means in order to fit their scenario.

WHEN DID DEATH ANGEL PASS OVER?

Every passage in the entire Bible tells us the Passover is the 14th. Nowhere do any historical or biblical records show Passover the 15th.

In Exodus 11:1 we read, “And Yahweh said to Moses, ‘Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon

Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.”

Notice carefully, Yahweh tells Moses AFTERWARDS (the plague of the death angel) he (Pharaoh) will let you go. System 3 implies Israel spoiled the Egyptians BEFORE the plague of the death angel, but Yahweh's word tells plainly afterwards Israel would spoil the Egyptians then go. Further evidence shows the Egyptians were spoiled as Israel left (Ex. 3:21-22; 12:35-39).

Notice these facts of Scripture, Moses was instructed by Yahweh to tell the Pharaoh (v.1); then speak to the people what would happen (v.2); then he told Pharaoh and left in great anger (Ex. 11:4-8).

In Exodus 12 Yahweh gives Moses and Aaron detailed information about the Passover. They are told when to kill it (v.6); to eat unleavened bread (v.8); Yahweh would Passover and protect Israel at midnight while the destroyer would kill all the first born at midnight (v.12); then Yahweh says this day Passover is Holy (v.14); the first and seventh day no work was to be done as they were Holy (vv.15-16); and not to go out of their houses until morning (v.22). These were the Passover instructions. Then Exodus 12:29-33 tells about the event that happened. It all took place on the 14th day of the month of Abib.

There simply is no mystery to these plain passages. Yahweh's words tell us the events of Passover were to take place on the 14th. Then He shows through the events that they did indeed take place on the 14th.

To this point, Systems 1 & 2 agree that Passover is on the 14th. System 3 on the other hand advances the Passover to the 15th and claims spoiling the Egyptians took place before the Passover, which would be before the 14th all contrary to Scripture (see Ex. 3:20). Throughout Scripture Yahweh did things on His Holy Days. Only System 1 teaches Yahweh passed over on the day **HE made Holy**.

THE FIRST DAY OF EATING UNLEAVENED BREAD

In every case the Feast of Passover, known as the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the words 'a feast of seven days' are attached to it (Ex. 12:15,19 Ez. 45:21 Lk. 22:1,7).

Luke calls Passover **a day of unleavened bread** as does Exodus 23:18. The point is, when did eating unleavened

bread begin?

Going back to the original Passover, we read in Exodus 12:8, "And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

In verse 18 we read, "on the fourteenth day of the month at even you shall eat unleavened bread," Think about this for a moment. If we believe as System 3 believes, that even means the end of the 14th which begins the 15th, then we have disobeyed Yahweh and did not eat unleavened bread on the 14th as **His word commands**. We have just shown 3 verses to show that Passover Day, the 14th, **is a day of unleavened bread**.

System 2 errors here also as they teach to eat a token amount of unleavened bread at the beginning of the 14th then wait until sundown the 14th and eat unleavened bread for seven more days. But is that what Scripture tells us to do? No, the Scriptures are plain, Passover is the first day of eating unleavened bread, Ex. 12:8,15,18; Ez. 45:21; Ex. 23:18; Lk. 22:1,7; etc.

Only System 1 teaches to begin Passover the beginning of the 14th and eating unleavened bread a total of 7 days as Scripture states.

System 2 teaches eating unleavened bread (token amount or not) beginning with Passover plus seven more days totaling **8** days which is contrary to Scripture.

System 3 teaches ignoring the 14th, labeling it "a preparation day" and begin the feast at the beginning of the 15th and eat unleavened bread 7 days.

Only System 1 complies totally with Scripture.

WHEN DID ISRAEL SPOIL EGYPTIANS?

All three systems disagree when Israel spoiled the Egyptians, so at this point we shall consult Scripture and align this event (when the Egyptians were spoiled) with the events of the Exodus.

Earlier Scripture taught us that the first day, Passover, and the seventh day were Holy Days. Now, notice the account of what had happened in Ex. 12:29. At midnight (and there is only one midnight the 14th) all the first born were smitten that had no blood on the door posts. Notice verses 30-34, "And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants,

and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, 'Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both you and the children of Israel; and go serve Yahweh, as you have said. Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also.' And the Egyptians were urgent upon the People, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, 'We be all dead men.' And the People took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders." Verse 35 tells us, "the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses." At this point is where there are differences of opinion, but we must remember what Moses' words of Yahweh were.

This was just after midnight the 14th and although Pharaoh and the Egyptians wanted Israel to get going right now, Yahweh's Word told Israel that they could **NOT** go out of their houses until morning (Ex. 12:22). And when morning came, we read in verse 23, "The Egyptians were urgent upon the people." This implies Israel was stalling or not moving and rightfully so. Let's remember that this is still the 14th, the daylight part of the 14th and a day commanded by Yahweh to keep Holy. In Exodus 12:16 Yahweh tells Israel NO work was to be done, except for food preparation. If we are to let Yahweh's Word guide us, we must accept the fact that the 14th is a Holy Day so that day spoiling the Egyptians must be delayed until sundown, then Egypt was spoiled and the Israelites left Egypt. This fact is also foretold in Ex. 3:21-22 which states, "...it shall come to pass, that, WHEN YOU GO, you shall not go empty: But every woman shall borrow of her neighbor...**you shall spoil the Egyptians**." Keep in mind Egypt was so desperate for the Israelites to go that the Egyptians themselves were helping them get going, for their part, the Israelites couldn't get going fast enough (Ex. 12:31-33). Since many have assumed that things could be done joyfully on the Feast Day, let's elaborate more on what could be done on Passover, the 1st annual Feast Day. In Matthew 4:4 Yahushua's own words tell us to live by every word of Yahweh. In Exodus 12:16 Yahweh's words are that no manner of work is to be done this first High Day, save that which every man must eat, that **ONLY** may be done. These are specific instructions for Israel from Yahweh. Shall we believe Him? Man says we can spoil the Egyptians on this day or move millions of people, herds, flocks, and possessions over 30 miles on foot and then make camp.

Living by Yahweh's words and believing them forces us to only one conclusion: the first Holy Day NO work, except for food preparation was done. Then after sundown the Egyptians were spoiled and the Israelites left Rameses with Yahweh's blessing. Doing otherwise is putting man's words and man's ideas precedent to Yahweh's. Believing Yahweh's words also leads to the conclusion that Passover is the true Holy Day as His inspired Word tells that on the 15th Israel was doing things **other** than preparing food.

System 3 says Israel spoiled the Egyptians before the Passover, but checking Scripture, after each plague Pharaoh's heart was hardened and he would not let Israel go. It took the power of the Passover to break the Pharaoh. Not only would Yahweh not have them travel all day moving millions of people, animals and personal belongings on a High Holy Day; but also Numbers 33:3 says Israel left Egypt the 15th, the day **AFTER** the Passover.

System 2 claims Israel spoiled the Egyptians in the daylight part of the 14th, then left the 15th. In their scenario they would also be working moving millions of people, animals, and personal belongings, etc. on **their** holy day the 15th. Remember on the Holy Day no work was to be done, except for food preparation (Ex. 12:16).

Only System 1 complies totally with Scripture. System 1 observes the Passover as a Holy Day, Exodus 12:14, eats the Passover at the beginning of the 14th, then Yahweh passes over at midnight, Exodus 12:12, then they rest the Holy Day as commanded, Exodus 12:16. With **plenty of rest** the Israelites spoil the Egyptians beginning on the 15th and leave Egypt the day after Passover as Numbers 33:3 tells us.

IS THE 15TH A HOLY DAY?

There are plenty of places in the Bible that prove the 15th was a work day and not a High Sabbath of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. (Refer to the chart at the end of this article titled, "BOTH TESTAMENTS SHOW THE 15TH AS A WORK DAY.")

First of all let us mention that there are only two places in the entire Bible that connects the 15th with the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, Luke 22:1.

We must realize the 12th chapter of Exodus is the original pattern for the feast (chag) of Passover and verses 15-18

repeatedly state the 1st day, Passover, (Yahweh's own words call it a festival [#2282]) is the first Holy Day (v.16).

The same ordinance is given in Leviticus 23:4-7 and Numbers 28:16-18 and this is where the error arises. The 15th is mentioned as a chag #2282, but as a matter of fact, the whole 7 day festival is a chag, Ezekiel 45:21. The problem arises when Leviticus 23:7 and Numbers 28:18 state, "in the first day you shall have a holy convocation." The word 'first' in both chapters along with Exodus 12:15-16 is *Strong's* #7223 'rishown' and means first in place, time or rank. By definition of the Hebrew it is self explanatory, since Passover is the first annual Holy Day in Scripture, Exodus 12:14. Only Passover is the first in place, time and rank of the annual Holy Days. Satan through trickery of man has taken the theme of the Bible, Yahushua our Passover, which offers salvation; and has almost virtually eliminated it as a Holy Day. Today earnest believers trample on that day calling it a mere preparation day and observe the 2nd day as a holy day. The Feast of Tabernacles is a week long feast a chag of 7 days, but nobody observes the 16th as the first holy day (similarly written in Lev. 23:34-36). The Feast of Tabernacles has the Last Great Day added to it making it an 8 day observance, but **Yahweh** added the eighth day, **NOT man**. The Feast of Passover is a Feast of eating unleavened bread 7 days, Ezekiel 45:21; but many assemblies add a day making it an 8 day observance, which is **CONTRARY** to Scripture.

Looking at the 15th (holy or not) we read in Exodus 12:16, "And in the first day (Passover the 14th) there shall be an Holy Convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an Holy Convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, **that only may be done of you**." In both Testaments **WORK** other than preparing food was done on the 15th.

Exodus 12:37-38 and Numbers 33:3-4 without question show things, other than having a Holy Convocation, were done on the 15th; which would be in opposition of Yahweh's command if the 15th were a holy day. If we believe the 15th was the 1st feast day, according to Exodus 12:16 the Israelites would have been in violation of Yahweh's own words. Joshua 5:10-11 shows more problems for Systems 2 & 3 as it states, "And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes and parched corn in the self-same day." Israel was just entering the new land.

Yahweh's words are to emphasize His Holy Days, that is why Passover is emphasized and the 15th is simply called "the morrow after the passover." It is the Passover, commonly called the Feast of Unleavened Bread, that is continually emphasized throughout the entire Bible; not the 15th, Luke 22:1,7; Exodus 23:15,18; 34:18; Deuteronomy 16:1-8,16; and Exodus 12:14-18. Yahweh's words are used to focus mankind on Himself through the sacrifice of His Son, "the perfect passover lamb," John 1:29; while Satan's goal is to focus on counterfeits such as Xmas, Easter, Sunday, etc. (simple deceptions for the majority in the world). However, Satan seeks to deceive the very elect through confusion on **YAHWEH'S** Holy Days such as Passover, Pentecost and the seasons they are in. As you can see, we too must rely on Yahweh's Words and **NOT** man's explanations.

In the evangels the writers tell us Yahushua was to be taken down off the torture stake and buried before the High Sabbath (Jn. 19:31). Advocates of the 15th holy day tell us this supports their belief that the 15th was the holy day, but in reality this verse supports the Passover as being the Holy Day, since the Jews observed Passover the 15th. Scripture shows that as yet the Jews had not eaten the Passover, John 18:28. The point here is the Jews did not want to be defiled touching a dead body on a Sabbath Day. However, the laws in Deuteronomy 21:22-23 and Leviticus 22:1-6 tell us to bury them that day.

In Genesis 50:25 Scripture states, "And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, 'Elohim will surely visit you and you shall carry up my bones from hence.'" Systems 2 & 3 have a great problem calling the 15th holy when we read in Exodus 13:17,19, "And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the People go And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel saying, 'Elohim will surely visit you; and you shall **carry up my bones away hence with you**.'" Digging up bones was work and handling the dead body made a person unclean according to Yahweh's own words. Yahweh did not tell Israel to keep the day holy, then allow them to break His law the next day, Exodus 12:16! Another problem arises for Systems 2 and 3 when we read Israel left the 15th with a mixed multitude of people packing their belongings, herding cattle, sheep, etc. Does this sound like they were observing a Holy Day where work was **NOT** to be done? We read in Numbers 33:3, "Israel went out with a high hand in sight of all the Egyptians," this was the 15th, the

day after Passover!

Only System 1 complies with Scripture. Israel ate the Passover which began the 14th; the death angel came over at midnight the 14th; then they rested the remainder of the 14th **keeping it holy as commanded**, Exodus 12:16. Then when the 15th arrived they spoiled the Egyptians, got Joseph's bones and left with a high hand.

THE 15TH IN NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 26, Mark 14 and Luke 22 all tell us Yahushua ate the Passover; then after supper went out to the Mount of Olives where He was arrested; next there was a night trial by the priests, then He was turned over to Pilate the next morning where in turn He was convicted, impaled, and died about 3 p.m. Abib 14. Most Bible students know that most Pharisees kept Passover the 15th (**their** holy day not Yahweh's).

Nearing the end of Abib 14, Luke 23:55, Mark 15:47 and Matthew 27:61 say, "and there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre." This was the end of the 14th and the 15th was just about to begin.

Since Systems 2 & 3 teach the 15th is holy, we want to point out what Scripture shows the Jews and the women did the 15th. Matthew reports the Jews (although it was **their** high day) went to Pilate and made a watch sure for 3 days to ensure that nobody would steal Yahushua's body, Matthew 27:62-66.

Luke reports what the women did the 15th. As we mentioned before, verse 55 shows that the women were at the sepulcher Abib 14 at sundown. Then we read in verse 56, "and they returned [home], and prepared spices and ointments;" Needless to say, this was a lot of work. John 19:39 shows there to be around a hundred pounds. Now notice Luke 23:56, "...and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment."

These are Scriptural facts. Yahushua was impaled and buried Abib 14. Then Abib 15 the women prepared the spices and ointments while on the other hand the Jews broke their High Sabbath making a watch for Yahushua. Then the women (and Jews) kept the Sabbath, Luke 23:56. Then all four evangels show that Yahushua was gone by sunrise the first day of the week, Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.

When Yahweh's Scriptures are pointed out in the New Testament as well as the Old Testament, Systems 2 & 3 have trouble explaining why brethren were laboring on the 15th (since they claim the 15th was a holy day and NO work is to be done on holy days).

Only System 1 shows through Scripture Yahushua died Abib 14 on Yahweh's Holy Day and His followers did not labor that day. The next day, the 15th, (Mt. 27:62 Lk. 23:56) labor was done preparing spices and ointments; then the Sabbath day they rested according to Yahweh's commandment. Then the first day of the week they discovered the empty tomb.

IN CONCLUSION

Systems 2 and 3 have a lot of explaining to do. Yahweh's own words tell us that on the first day which is a Holy Convocation no manner of work is to be done, except for food preparation. System 2 thinking that the 15th is the holy day places spoiling the Egyptians on the 14th while system 3 places it the day before and contributes the daylight hours of the 14th to killing the lambs starting at noon. Next Systems 2 and 3 completely ignore Yahweh's words in Exodus 12:16 which say to have a Holy Convocation and they move millions miles down the road and make camp there. This they explain is not work, but worship. System 3 explains although every where Yahweh's words attribute the death angel with the 14th that it was really the 15th. At the same time System 3 completely ignores Yahweh's command the Passover is "in - with in" the 14th day (Lev. 23:5; Num. 28:16; Ez. 45:21); and starts their Passover beginning the 15th. System 2 explains that (although Yahweh's words say everywhere the Passover Feast is 7 days) it is really 8 days or just a token amount is eaten on the 14th. System 2 and 3 then explain (although Yahweh's Words define Passover as a chag #2282 i.e. feast day) it is really only a preparation day. System 2 then explains (although every day begins with 'ereb') that in Exodus 12:18 'ereb' ends the day to make their scenario work; System 3 also does this with verse 6 and Deuteronomy 16:6. System 3 completely ignores Numbers 33:3, which states the 15th is the day after the Passover. On the other hand, System 2 can not supply one verse to support their claim that Passover is called a preparation day for the 15th. Then in the New Testament System 2 and 3 can not explain why the Miriams worked the 15th preparing spices (Lk. 23:56) so Systems 2 and 3 move Passover back to Wednesday and say this day was the 16th because the evangels show this to be the day before the 7th

day Sabbath (see Lk. 23:56 last part). System 2 and 3 also have to explain away Matthew 28:1 calling it Saturday eve when, in fact, the Greek defines this passage after the close of a day; the part they can not explain is why were the guards and priests sleeping before sundown (Mt. 28:11-15) if this were Saturday eve?

If we simply put our faith in Yahweh's Words there is NO explaining away with anything. In Exodus 12:6 Israel was told to kill the Passover between the evenings. Then if we look in His Words we find between the evenings is always in the twilight time of the day just after the disappearance of the sun. Then in verse 8 Israel was to roast the lamb and eat unleavened bread with it. They had plenty of time to do this (4-6 hours), than at midnight the 14th Yahweh protected the Israelites whose houses were covered by the blood (Ex. 12:12,29); and this first day, Passover, is a feast day (v. 14). Then Yahweh instructs Israel (through Moses) not to go out until morning (v.22) as this day was a holy convocation (v.16) and for 7 days (vv. 15,16,18-20) you eat unleavened bread. Then as Exodus 12:35-37 and Numbers 33:3-5 state, beginning with the 15th all the activities transpired with spoiling the Egyptians and moving to Succoth.

Nothing has to be placed forward or backward to fit the smooth account of Scripture. By simply believing Yahweh's Words a forced interpretation is avoided.

We have had testimonies of several people who said it was when they finally realized that it was Yahweh Himself who says Passover is Holy that they quit believing puffed up men who say it is not; that is when it really clicked!

One individual commented, "When someone is born on January 1 at 3 p.m. do we say their birth date is January 2? If someone is born January 1 at 11:59 p.m. do we say their birth date is January 2? If someone dies on January 1 at 3 p.m. does their death certificate say January 2? If someone dies on January 1 at 11:59 p.m. does their death certificate say January 2? Yahushua died at 3 p.m. on Abib 14, so why would we observe His death on Abib 15?"

It's almost like a miracle. When we believe Yahweh's Words over man's words, the key to Passover opens and nothing has to be explained away.

We have in good faith shared this good news with many assembly leaders in hopes of coming to the unity of **truth!**

Those who keep Passover on the 15th represent System 3. Those who keep Passover on the 14th and observe the first high day on the 15th represent System 2. Those who

keep Passover, which is the first High Day on the 14th represent System 1.

Yahweh's own Words in Matthew 18 ask us when He comes back will He find THE FAITH.

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